



## **APPRENTICESHIP ADVISORY COUNCIL**

GoToMeeting® 11:00 – 12:00 PM  
Tuesday, June 19, 2018  
Walt Sullivan Building, Helena, MT

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dean Bentley (Chair), Dale Carpenter, Quinton Queer, Chris Hopkins, Nikki Dixon-Foley, and Jeff Stark

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Dylan Rogness, Tim Newmann, and Mike Waldenberg

**STAFF:** Shannon Lewis, Mark Lillrose, Jay Reardon

**CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:** Chair Bentley called the meeting to order at 11:00.

**ROLL CALL:** Shannon Lewis conducted roll call and established a quorum.

**AGENDA:** Chair Bentley asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

*Mr. Carpenter moved, and Mr. Hopkins seconded a motion to approve the agenda.*

*The motion carried.*

**APRIL 23, 2018 MEETING MINUTES:** Chair Bentley asked for approval of the meeting minutes. The council agreed to take action on both sets of meeting minutes at the next advisory council meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBER UPDATES:** Members of the advisory council updated the council on current initiatives or work taking place within their respective apprenticeship programs. Overall, apprenticeship continues to grow within Montana and there is growing interest from educators throughout the state on coordinating with apprenticeship programs to increase student awareness about careers offered through apprenticeship.

### **APPRENTICESHIP STAFFING AND FUNDING UPDATE:**

Mr. Jay Reardon gave the advisory council an update on the federal funding for the Montana Registered Apprenticeship Program. The state of Montana did receive additional funding through the apprenticeship expansion grant, which will enable the agency to continue its apprenticeship program at the current pace and keep its current grant-funded staff. The apprenticeship unit is gearing up to hire Valerie Piet's position, which was responsible for overseeing the healthcare apprenticeship program.

**APPRENTICESHIP TAX CREDIT UPDATE:**

The Montana Department of Labor & Industry along with the Montana Department of Revenue continue working to fully implement the apprenticeship tax credit. Employers will be able to start claiming the tax credit beginning in January of 2019.

**ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBER COUNCIL RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Chair Bentley and Ms. Lewis started the conversation about working with the council to develop some direction and set some goals for the council as it begins its work with Montana's Registered Apprenticeship Program. Some thoughts that the council discussed were:

- Developing a communications plan to help move the messaging on why apprenticeship is a good fit for some students and businesses;
- Work with the Montana Department of Labor and other stakeholders to promote apprenticeship and pre-apprenticeship within the K-12 system; and
- Engaging additional community businesses and stakeholders in the apprenticeship conversation to help meet some of the apprenticeship goals.

The council agreed to work through some of these ideas at its September meeting in Butte, at a longer, in-person meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Chair Bentley adjourned the meeting at 12:00 PM.